

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
SHINICHI HAKAMADA ET AL.) : Examiner: NYA
Appln. No.: NYA) : Group Art Unit: NYA
Filed: Herewith)
For: FLUORESCENT INK, AND INK)
CARTRIDGE, RECORDING UNIT,)
INK-JET RECORDING METHOD,)
AND INK-JET RECORDING AP-)
PARATUS EMPLOYING)
THE FLUORESCENT INK : August 7, 2001

The Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application,
filed herewith, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 35 and 36 to read as follows (a version of those claims,
marked to show the changes, is appended):

35. (Amended) The fluorescent ink according to claim 1, being applied to a recording medium from an ink supply means, wherein there is a gap between the ink supply means and the recording medium.

36. (Amended) The fluorescent ink according to claim 1, being used for ink-jet recording.

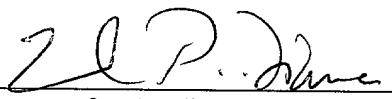
REMARKS

Claims 1-68 remain in this application. Claims 35 and 36 have been amended to eliminate their multiple dependency.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION MARKED TO SHOW CLAIM CHANGES

35. (Amended) The fluorescent ink according to [any one of] claim[s] 1 [to 34], being applied to a recording medium from an ink supply means, wherein there is a gap between the ink supply means and the recording medium.

36. (Amended) The fluorescent ink according to [any one of] claim[s] 1 [to 34], being used for ink-jet recording.

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